

Remarks/Arguments:

The amendments contained herein are submitted under 37 CFR 1.312 and embody merely the correction of formal matters in the specification, and formal changes in a claim without changing the scope thereof.

In the specification, amended paragraphs [008], [0015], [0019], [0023], and [0031] are submitted to correct typographical errors.

Similarly, an amended abstract is submitted to correct a typographical error.

Amendments to the allowed claims are further submitted to correct typographical errors, without changing the scope thereof:

In claims 1, 10 and 18, the term "pre-defined" has been replaced with "predetermined" to provide antecedent basis for the "predetermined time out period".

In claim 1, the phrase "carried over physical link" has been amended to read "carried over a physical link" to correct a typographical error.

In claim 1, the phrase "said increased initial default time period causes said network connection to be drop" has been amended to read "said increased initial default time period causes said network connection to be dropped" to correct a typographical error.

In claim 1, the phrase "sending subsequent keep-alive signals to said second electronic device at said last-known good time period" has been amended to read " sending subsequent keep-alive signals to said another electronic device at said last-known good time period" to bring the language of the phrase in line with the Examiner's Amendment within the Notice of Allowance.

In claim 5, the phrase " wherein said criterion is a predetermined time period" has been amended to read " wherein said predetermined time-out criterion is a predetermined time period" to clarify that the criterion is said predetermined time-out criterion for which antecedent basis has been provided.

In claim 7, the phrase "and at least a portion of said link includes Internet" has been amended to read " and at least a portion of said link includes the Internet" to correct a typographical error.

In claim 8, the phrase "said default time period are increased more quickly" has been amended to read " said initial default time period are increased more quickly" to clarify that the default time period is the initial default time period, for which antecedent basis has been provided.

In claim 10, the phrase "sending keep-alive signals from said first electronic device to the said second electronic device" has been amended to read " sending keep-alive signals from said first electronic device to said second electronic device" to correct a typographical error.

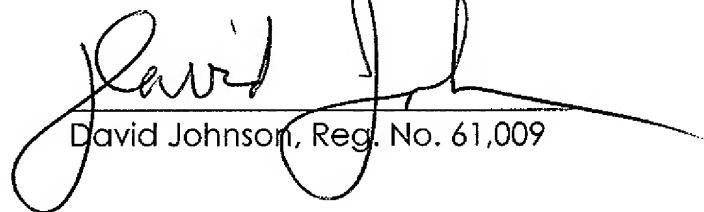
CONCLUSIONS

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments contained herein be entered to correct the formal matters described above, prior to issuance. To the extent that any issues remain to be resolved, however, applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned to resolve these issues.

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-3750.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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